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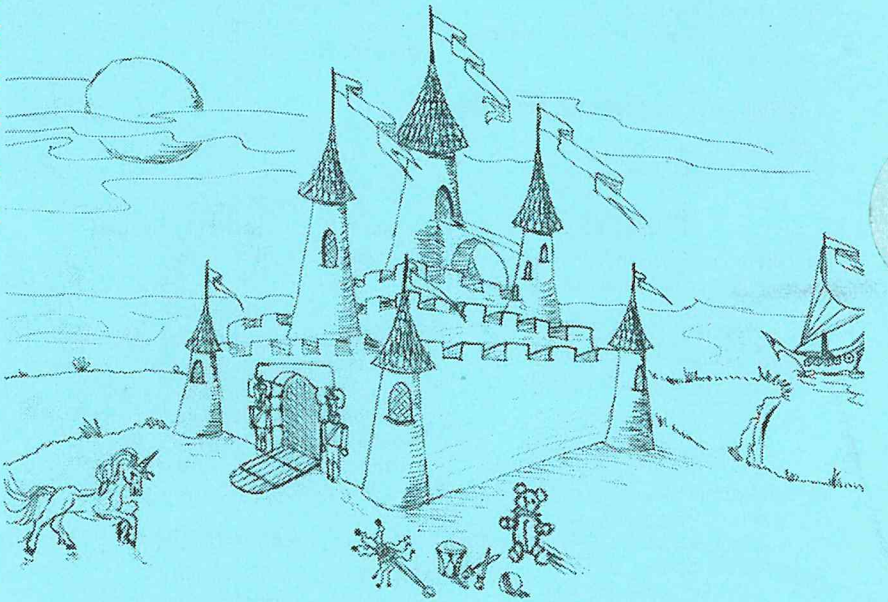

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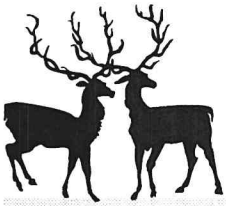

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12-17	ESTRELLA WAR XIX** *Phoenix*

** *Indicates attendance by Their Excellencies*

From the Baron and Baroness

Greetings unto the great and noble populace of al-Barran from your Baron and Baroness, Sir Trevor and Lady Fermina. We pray each of you are in good health and spirits as the cold winter months come before us.

We would like to thank the shires of Scorpion's Hollow and Fontaine dans Sable for the most generous and courteous hospitality shown us when Sir Trevor attended the War of the Staked Plains and Lady Fermina visited the Renaissance Faire. Both events were absolutely fantastic.

We do invite one and all to journey to the Citadel of the Southern Pass the weekend of November 9th for the Outlands Coronation. The weekend is sure to be full of pomp and ceremony. Come be witness to the crowning of our next King and Queen and the various traditions that are part of the transition.

Friday, November 8th, the night before Coronation, al-Barran will join the New Mexico Scorpions hockey team on the ice in a noble effort to collect toys for Toys for Tots. Tickets are available at a discounted price from The Honorable Lord James David. In years past, we have had a fantastic time cheering as our friends in Black and Gold battle it out on the ice.

The annual Toys for Tots tournament will be held Sunday, November 17th. Sir Darius of Jaxarticus has brought the champion's sword back to al-Barran. Let us make a great effort to keep it here. As tradition dictates, each entrant into the day's tournament must bring a new unwrapped toy that will be given to a needy child within our community.

Please join us for an evening of dining and dancing, Saturday November 16th as we attend the Masked Ball. The Ball follows the fundraising Pas de Arms hosted by the Company of Saint Martin. Both events are sure to be full of fun and entertainment.

War practice is well underway. Practice is held every Sunday starting at 10:00 a.m. It is time to start calling those noble warriors that have been missing from the park and endeavor to motivate them to join us on the field of battle once more. al-Barran is a great and mighty portion of the Outlands army. The Crown depends on us to sway the tide of battle. Ready your armor, sharpen your swords, and prepare to make Outlands history!

Please look further in the Shaft for details of the upcoming Althing. The main topic of discussion will be our goals for War and how to accomplish them. We will open the discussion for any other area of interest people feel need to be addressed by the group as well. Start thinking, how can you contribute to the War effort. Do you cook? Do you have room for a rider? Do you have an extra helm to loan? Will you be available to go out early and help set up? Do you need assistance with preparing your documentation for your Arts and Sciences entry? Please contact Sir Dennis, our baronial War coordinator with your needs and contributions.

Continue with an open and generous heart, al-Barran.

Sir Trevor *Fermina*

From al-Barran's War Coordinator

Greetings unto al-Barran!!!

I have accepted the position of coordinating the efforts for al-Barran going to war. What does this mean?? Thanks for asking!

I will be looking for coordinators for various aspects of war. These areas include (but are not limited to) baronial stew, al-Barran party, rides (both getting to/from war and airport runs), equipment repair, morning coffee, land grab, and war banner. There are many tasks to be dealt with, after all an army (heavy, rapier, archers, Arts & Sciences – anyone getting war points!) has to have support. Step up and volunteer!

I am also looking for people to step forward and let me know who is going to war. We need ALL of our heavy weapons fighters, rapier fighters, archers, marshals, and artists at war. As each group and household looks to their people, do not let a lack of equipment or a ride keep a person from attending war!

We all have fun when al-Barran goes to war as a coordinated unit – cooks, merchants, fighters, marshals, archers, fencers, ALL of us!

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From the Quartermaster

Greetings unto the populace of al-Barran,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Lord Raebar for volunteering to be my deputy and thus helping me serve this great barony. Any help I can get is always appreciated. So if you have the desire (and a truck or van) to become a deputy quartermaster and want to share the glory of serving your barony, just give me a ring on the far speaker.

To all autocrats past, present, and future; very soon a generous and motivated group of us will be conducting an inventory of the Keep. So if you have or know of someone who has items that belong in the Keep please get in contact with me so I can get these items back in the keep and on the inventory.

As always, please give me or my deputies at least a two week notice before your event so arrangements can be made for pick up and return of items from the Keep.

Also with the exception of Midwinter and Outlandish you also need to make arrangements for transportation of said items from and to the Keep.

In Service,
Lord Wulfgar Neumann

From the Mistress of the Lists

Greetings,

Here are the results from the Thunder Phall Phamily Phestival/25th Anniversary/Bash:

Thunder Fencing - Master Aethelstan - winner
Thunder Heavy Weapons - Master Aethelstan
3 Man Tourney - The Birds of Prey - Thunder - winner
Open Fencing - Lord Santiago - winner

In Service,
Lady Danica

From the Hospitaller

Greetings,

Well first I would like to say if you did not make it to Fiesta de Caballos you missed a most outstanding event. I really look forward to attending more equestrian events in the future.

Secondly, I am looking into holding a "Garb Making" class starting around the 3rd week of November, focusing on Middle Eastern Garb to prepare us for Midwinter. If you are interesting in this class please email me - Bronwyn@alnwick.net - and let me know what days and times would be best. I will then combine the info and post when and where the classes will be.

Third, lately we have been getting a lot of newcomers at the park on Sundays. Just a reminder, if I am not there, you are more then welcome to answer their questions. If you do not feel as if you can answer them comfortable, please turn towards people who have been around for a while, such examples being THL Pendar, Duke Hrothgar, Duchess Madigan, Sir Kragon, Their Excellencies, Sir Trevor and Lady Fermina. Also don't be afraid to ask. And as always I will be at the park every Sunday unless there is an event.

Last but not least, WAR is fast approaching. Remember to train hard and to drink lots of fluids. We don't wish to lose any forces before we even hit the honorable field of combat.

Yours In Service,
Lady Bronwen Blackwell

I will be as good unto ye as ever a Queen was unto her people. No will in me can lack, neither do I trust shall there lack any power. And persuade yourselves that for the safety and quietness of you all I will not spare if need be to spend my blood.
(Elizabeth to the Lord Mayor and people of London on the eve of her Coronation)

From the Chronicler

Greetings,

The Cover art this month is in celebration of Toys for Tots and all the wonderful toys we will collect at al-Barran's Toys for Tots event on November 17th. Castles to be built, and played with, boats, unicorns, bears, drums and bouncy balls to play with. Oh, what toys will we come up with... I've been working on a toy stockpile and I hope everyone else is also. I understand prizes for the prize table are also needed. Wonder what beautiful things will be brought out for the prize table.

Pony World this month, once again features someone well known in al-Barran, check it out. Thank you, Michael McQuillan for all of your hard work in making *Pony World* happen. Who knows, one day if might be YOU!

The al-Barran phone directory is slowly getting finished. I am planning to have it printed in the next couple of weeks and then mailed out, in the meantime I will be double checking some of the listings for wrong phone numbers and email address, so if you know of someone who has moved or changed email addresses, please let me know as soon as you can, just in case I don't catch it.

This month's Weaving Knowledge Exchange & Workshop on November 15th will focus on warping floor looms. There will be no weaving workshop in December due to it falling on the Friday before Midwinter so look for the next weaving workshop to happen in January. If you wish for a certain topic to be handled at a weaving workshop please contact Lady Monika the Fair about setting up the topic you are interested in.

In Service,
Lady Kathws

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Palestinian Costume by Shelagh Weir
Words of Paradise, selected poems of Rumi, new interpretations by Raficq Abdulla

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Web Sites

Al-Barran's website: http://www.al-barran.org
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Outlands' website: http://www.outlands.org
SCA's website: http://www.sca.org

Baronial Shaft Cover Art Contest

The Contest: A piece of artwork suitable for use on the front cover of the *Baronial Shaft* for the February 2003 issue. This is the Estrella War issue and I want an extra special piece of artwork for the cover.
The Theme: Any or all aspects of Estrella War, be it the battles, the dancing, the arts and sciences, the archery, the music, or some other aspect.
The Deadline: **December 1st, 2002**, thewinning cover will be chosen by December 27th, 2002 and the winner's information will be printed in the January 2003 *Baronial Shaft.*
The First Prize: One year's subscription to the *Baronial Shaft* for the winning artist.
The Secondary Prizes: All artwork submitted will be used for cover art in the future and the artists will receive a complimentary issue of the *Baronial Shaft* for the month their cover art is used.

If you have any questions please contact me at 896-1156 or by email at chronicler@al-barran.org

Please submit all artwork with your name and contact information (on the back or on a separate paper) for the contest by December 1, 2002 to:
Baronial Shaft–Cover Art Contest
P.O. Box 27676
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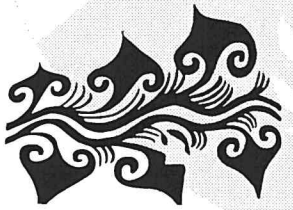

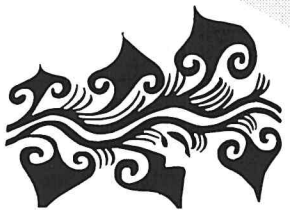

Beit Dajan wedding song

Oh daughters of the wedding
Trail your *jillayehs*
A wedding is here again
May it happen to your families!

Oh daughters of the wedding
Trail your *shunbars*
A wedding is here again
May it happen to your sisters!

Oh daughters of the wedding
Trail your *malakehs*
A wedding is here again
May it happen to your loved ones!

Oh daughters of the wedding
Oh mothers of 'white dresses'
A wedding is here again
May it happen to every beloved!

Palestinian Costume by Shelagh Weir

Jillayehs—highly decorated women's garments
Shunbars--- (shunbar ahmar) red veil, beit dajan
Malakehs---'royal' fabric or dress

Fiesta de Caballos Thank You's

Fiesta de Caballos was an absolutely fabulous event!!! We had an outstanding 12 steeds and 15 riders. There were also many gentles that got to ride after the competitions, some as their first time on a horse!! I believe that everyone who attended had a very good time. The event ran very smoothly without any negative incident (no one got injured, thrown etc:). I would love to take credit for this but the real credit goes to the tireless work of the populace of our great Barony. With out further ado...

My very heart felt thanks goes out to:

Set up crew: Her Excellency, Fermina, Sir Bohemond, Lord Heyden,

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List Mistress: Lady Browen, Lady Isabella

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Clean up Crew: Her Excellency, Fermina, Lord Thomas, Lady Dubheasa, Lady Bryndis,

Equestrian Marshall in Charge: Lady Dubheasa

Prize donations: Lady Helena, Sir Aelric, Lord Erick Longstrider

A very heartfelt thank you to Mistress Monica Von Zell who created an incredible breakfast and lunch for all. And last but certainly not least a huge thank you goes to all the equestrian riders and their mounts that have given (quite literally) blood, sweat and tears to our equestrian efforts over the past year. Though he asked not to be mentioned in this missive, a thank you must go to my Lord, Sir Aelric, who has been incredibly supportive and has created the most amazing equipment to further our effort!!!

Lady Laurel

Scorpion Hockey Game Demo
Toys for Toys

Al-Barran, Friday, November 8, A.S. XXXVII (2002)
7 PM at Tingley Coliseum, Albuquerque, NM
Tickets $9

The Barony of al-Barran is once again presenting a demo at the New Mexico Scorpions Hockey game. This is a Toys for Tots demo where spectators will be encouraged to bring toys. And for their entertainment, we'll be having a Demo on the Ice!

If you are coming down for Coronation, stop by in al-Barran first. Dress in nice garb – remember this is a large demo where at least a thousand people will be watching.

Price for admission to the hockey game is $9. Please contact me for tickets.

Directions to the site: Take your best route to Albuquerque, NM. If you are coming from I-25 North or South, go to the I-40 Interchange and go east. Take either the San Mateo or Louisiana exits South. If you go on San Mateo, go south to Lomas and take a left. At the next stop light (San Pedro), turn right. You will see the New Mexico State Fair Grounds on your left. Find the first open gate at the next stop light and turn left into the gate. You will be directed where to park. If you coming from the Louisiana exit, go south and pass Lomas Blvd. Again, you will be at the Fair Grounds. There is only one open gate on this side. Take a right at the gate. There will be a parking fee at either gate.

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Outlands Coronation

Barony of the Citadel of the Southern Pass
November 9-10, A.S. XXXVII (2002)
Loretto Academy, 1300 Hardaway St, El Paso, Tx 79903
Site opens 9:00 am and closes 11:00 pm on Saturday
Fees: adult $15.00 and children under 12 $7.00
Reservations are requested and all payments will be at the door.

Their Most Royal Majesties Bela and Elizabeth, and the Citadel of the Southern Pass, invite all to come witness the Coronation Ceremony of Their Heirs in Their favorite southernmost Barony where the winters are mild and hospitality abounds.

There will be a silent auction to benefit Kingdom coffers. As an added attraction, Royce will be in charge of a children's feast with a special menu selected for them.

Fighters, and especially their companions, will be pleased to know that there are shower facilities on site.

Tournaments and Court at Their Majesties pleasure.

Directions to site: From I-25 exit at Raynolds and go North. After you cross Montana, Loretto is on the left at Hardaway. There is a parking lot fenced enclosure or on street parking available. All tournaments will be fought on the grounds.

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November Medieval Calendar Dates

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By November, feed was often too scarce to keep animals through the winter, and became known as the "blood month" when meat was smoked, salted and cured for consumption during the long winter ahead. The month began with All Hallows (later, All Saints) Day, followed by St. Martin's Day (November 11).

The origins of the holiday commemorating all the saints of the church are obscure, but by the mid-eighth century, November 1st was the day to honor all known and unknown saints in the Catholic Church. In 837, its general observance was ordered by Pope Gregory IV. The date may have been selected for its coincidence with pagan observations of the harvest, including the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain and the ancient Finnish celebration of Kekri

Elizabeth becomes queen Nov 17, 1558. Upon the death of her sister Mary, Elizabeth Tudor became Queen of England amid bonfires and much ring of bells. She would not be officially crowned until January.

Born on Nov 1,1500 Benvenuto Cellini Cellini was a superb goldsmith and sculptor who lived life to the fullest amidst the vibrant society of the Renaissance. He produced metalwork for Pope Clement VII, Alessandro de'Medici, King Francis I of France, and Cardinal d'Este of Ferrara, nearly all of which has since been melted down. His sculptures have fared better, but he is perhaps best known for his autobiography, published more than a century after his death, which tells the incredible story of his adventures, his affairs, and his close calls with the law. Although the veracity of much of his escapades is called into question, his work nevertheless reveals an accurate portrait of life in Florence during the Renaissance.
Cellini also wrote *Trattato dell'oreficeria* and the *Trattato della scultura*, important treatises on goldsmith work and sculpture.

Born on Nov 30, 1340, Jean de France, duc de Berry was an enthusiastic patron of the arts, the duc is best known for comissioning the stunning book of hours, *Les Très Riches Heures du duc de Berry.*

Sunday	Monday	Tu
3 Fighter & Rapier Practice Court Dancing	4 Gammer Gurton's Needle	
10 Fighter & Rapier Practice Court Dancing *Coronation*	11 Gammer Gurton's Needle	
17 Fighter & Rapier Practice Court Dancing *Toys for Tots*	18 Gammer Gurton's Needle	
24 Fighter & Rapier Practice Court Dancing *Central Regional WAR Practice 11:00am*	25 Gammer Gurton's Needle	

Born on Nov 30, 1508 Andrea Palladio, was generally considered the greatest architect of 16th-century Italy, Palladio designed elegantly graceful villas in Italy and wrote a revolutionary treatise on architecture.

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esday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Archery Practice *St Golias Silver Anniversary*
5	6 Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice	7	8	9 *Coronation*
12	13 Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice	14 Heraldry Meeting A&S K.E. & Workshops	15 Weaving Knowledge Exchanges & Workshops	16 Archery Practice *St Martin's Day Tournament* *Masked Ball*
19 CITIZEN'S MEETING	20 Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice	21	22	23 *al-Barran Althing*
26	27 Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice	28 Thanksgiving 	29	30

Edward I becomes King on Nov 20,1272. Upon the death of his father, King Henry III, Edward received the fealty of the English barons and succeeded to the throne.

November 1 All Saints Day
November 6 First day of Ramadan
November 11 Veterans Day
November 20 Full Moon
November 28 Happy Thanksgiving
November 30 First day of Hanukkah

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Saint Martin's Day Tournament III

Barony of al-Barran
November 16, A.S. XXXVII (2002)
Jeanne Bellamah Park
Site Opens 10am

To the good people of the Barony of al-Barran and to all others who read this letter, the Knights and Ladies of the Company of Saint Martin send warm greetings and invitations to all:

The Company of Saint Martin will host its third, late fifteenth century style prize tournament, in order to raise money for the Outland's war effort. Our Patroness, the Baroness of al-Barran, shall award all of the special prizes. The Company shall accept all challenges and do battle with all challengers of the day. The last two years the fighting has been glorious and honorable and this year should be no different.

His Excellency, the Baron al-Barran, Sir Raymond the Quiet, has decided to come out of retirement to fight with Saint Martin's. He will accept only four challenges and those will be with whomever is the highest bidder.

The style of the tournament shall be single combat to three solid blows. Some rounds will make use of a barrier. Each entrant in the lists shall purchase as many challenge fights as they wish. The fighter will then inform the herald which Knight or Lady of the Company of Saint Martin they wish to face in honorable combat. Once the Herald has issued the challenge the fight shall begin using standard Outlands fighting conventions until one of the opponents had acknowledged three solid blows. The blows may be to any standard target, thus two leg blows and one head blow, on one of the opponents would end the fight. Once the bout is over the participants shall exit the field and Her Excellency, The Right Honorable Baroness of al-Barran shall determine the winner of the fight, basing their decision of the courtesy, chivalry and fighting prowess of the two contestants.

Each of the members of the Company shall provide a fine prize for the tournament. (Thus there shall be at least 11 prizes in all) Her Excellency, Lady Fermina and her Ladies-in-Waiting shall determine the overall victor of the

Tournament. They will then award the prizes to the combatants as they see fit.

So come bring all your weapons and your dollars in order to do battle to gain honor and renown. Show off your courtesy and your fighting prowess before the Baroness and the Ladies of al-Barran. Come test your skill against the Company of Saint Martin.

The tournament will be held November 16th, 2002 at Jeanne Bellamah Park (the fighter practice park) in the Barony of al-Barran, sign up starting at 10:00 am. (This is the day before Toys for Tots) It might be a little cold so please dress accordingly.

If you have any questions please contact the event coordinator:
Sir Artan Mac Ailin c/o Jeff Cunico 1304 Kentucky NE, Alb NM 87110 (505) 256-4568 Jcunico@global-works.com

MASKED BALL

Barony of al-Barran
November 16, A.S. XXXVII (2002)
St. Thomas of Canterbury Episcopal Church
425 University Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87106
Site opens at 3 pm; closes at 10 pm
Site fee $7.00 or $5.00 with Toys for Tots new toy
Checks payable to SCA-al-Barran
Site is dry

IT'S A COME AS YOU'RE NOT PARTY

So break out of your normal style and try something new. All you early period folks get lacy and go late period; late period folks, now is the time to go early period. Or if you prefer to dress as one of the members of the populace, remember imitation is the greatest form of flattery.

We will have a spectacular Mongolian/Middle Eastern side board feast prepared by Lady Divina Stargazer. For any food allergies/concerns contact Lady Divina at 242-6735 or at crimsonladydivina@yahoo.com

Dancing will be plentiful with Lady Isabella leading us. Dance instruction will be given from 3-6 pm at the hall, as dances will not be called at the Ball. Lady Isabella will be holding dancing practices at fighter practices on the Sundays leading up to Masked Ball.

Directions to the site: Take your best route to Lomas & University. Go south on University to Ash street. Turn right onto Ash street. The church is on the corner of Ash and University.

Autocrat: Lady Dalia d'Auria 203-3055
Co Autocrat: Lady Tessa Elizabeth de Strathairn 203-3044

Reservations for the sideboard feast: –contact Lady Dalia- (505) 203-3055, 2800 Lexington Place NE #125, Albuquerque, NM 87112; email: dwagner@mercury.bernco.gov

AL-BARRAN TOYS FOR TOTS

Barony of al-Barran
November 17, A.S. XXXVII (2002
Jeanne Bellamah Park
(11400 Summer Ave NE),
Albuquerque, NM 87112
Site opens 10 AM
The Event is Free; DRY SITE

Oyez! Oyez! The Barony of al-Barran is hosting its annual Toys for Tots event on November 17th. This will be a spectacular event where the populous of al-Barran brings Christmas to needy children in the area!

A prize will be given to the individual who brings in the most toys for the barony this year. A treasure chest full of prizes will be given to the household that brings in the most toys. Wouldn't you want to have bragging rights for next year? Wouldn't you want to proudly say that your household brought in the most toys for children in this area?

We will be holding heavy and light weapons Children's Champion tournaments at this event. All authorized fighters are invited to participate. The entry fee is a toy (but please, bring more than just one!) Lists open at 11:00 AM, tournaments at noon (or after court, at Their Excellencies' discretion.)

Our current Heavy Weapons Children's Champion is His Highness (soon to be His Majesty) Sir Jaxarticus. He has promised to defend his title at this year's event. Do you have the mettle to challenge him on the field?

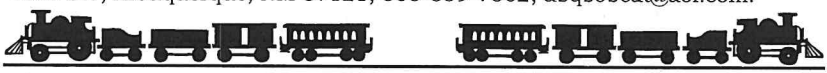
Duchess Elisheva will be hosting the Scorpion in Any Medium art competition. Bring your works of art that feature our scorpion, and compete for prizes! Entry free: a toy!

There will be a free feast and pot-luck at the park. The main dish will be provided; please bring side dishes and desserts for the populace.

Did I mention that you should bring toys? Lots and lots of toys? That's what this event is all about! If you haven't already started collecting, start collecting today! Put out a box at work, and encourage your co-workers to donate! We are looking for new, unwrapped toys. Toys don't have to be expensive, but they shouldn't be cheap. Think of it this way: will a child enjoy playing with the toys that you bring him or her?

Directions to the site: Take your best route to Albuquerque, New Mexico. If you are coming from I-25 north or south, go to the I-40 interchange and go east. Exit at the Eubank off-ramp. Go north to Lomas Blvd and take a right (East). Go to the Tomasita stop light and take a left (North). Go three blocks until you find the park.

Autocrat: Ld. Cristobal Vasquez de Narriahondo (Robert Baca), 1309 Canyon Trail SW, Albuquerque, NM 87121, 505-839-7302, abqbobcat@aol.com.



Baronial Althing

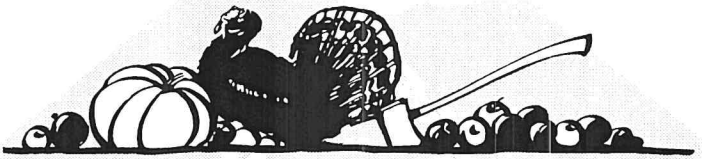
Barony of al-Barran
November 23, AS XXXVII (2002)
Union Station, Main Conference Room
111 Union Square St SE, Albuquerque, NM 87102
Site opens at 10:00 am, closes at 4:00 pm
Potluck lunch
Fee: Free

Their Excellencies invite one and all of the populace of al-Barran to the Baronial Althing. It will be a great time to come and meet Their Excellencies in a more casual setting. The Althing is a time to come and discuss the happenings in al-Barran. One of the main subjects, but not the only subject, will the coming WAR. Please, come and join us with your ideas and suggestions for the coming year.

There will be a potluck lunch, so bring your favorite dish and come and raise a glass with your friends and neighbors.

Directions to site: Make your best way to Central Avenue. Go west on Central Avenue to just past Broadway. Turn left onto Union Square (the first street after going past Broadway). Union Station is on the right side before you reach the intersection of Union Square and Gold. Park in the back and enter Union Station through the double doors and proceed to the main conference room.

Autocrat: The Honorable Lord James David, 830-6904 ,
jamesdavidesq@hotmail.com



Central Regional War Practice

Barony of al-Barran
Nov 24th A.S. XXXVII (2002)
Starting at 11:00am
Jeanne Bellamah Park, Albuquerque, NM
Contact: Lord Talon the Night Owl 896-2389

Check out the WARBOOK OF THE OUTLANDS at **http://www.outlandswarcouncil.org/** and then print out your very own copy to study!

Directions to Jeanne Bellamah Park: Take your best route to Albuquerque, New Mexico. If you are coming from I-25 north or south, go to the I-40 interchange and go east. Exit at the Eubank off-ramp. Go north to Lomas Blvd and take a right (East). Go to the Tomasita stop light and take a left (North). Go three blocks until you find the park. WAR practice will be in the usual fighter practice spot, the southeast corner of the park.

al-Barran Midwinter & War Practice

Barony of al-Barran
December 21-22, A.S. XXXVII (2002)
Feast: NM State Fair Grounds, Leon Harms Youth Hall, Albuquerque, NM
Remember to tell the gate guard that you are with the SCA.
Site Opens: 11am; Site Closes: 11pm
War Practice: Jeanne Bellamah Park
Site Opens: 10am; Site Closes: 4pm
Feast Site Fees: - Site only $10 (no off-board seating is available) - Site and Feast $15; - Children 7 and under Site and Feast $8 - Make checks payable to SCA - al-Barran
Alcohol Status: As with years past, alcohol must be purchased from the bar and consumed inside of the hall.

Come one, come all to al-Barran's Midwinter! Enjoy the atmosphere of our Middle Eastern Bazaar while feasting on delicacies from distant lands, enjoying exotic entertainment, surveying the works of our Kingdom's artisans, and sampling the beverages in our English Pub.

If you wish to dive into the experience and take your feast seated on the floor, Sultan style, please pre-register (and pre-pay) to reserve your space. The table will be provided but bring your own cushions for comfort and table decorations for atmosphere.

The proposed Midwinter Feast schedule, subject to change:
Peer Circles (prior to regular site opening)
-Laurel: 9 am
-Pelican: 9:45 am
-Chivalry: 10:30 am

Site opens: 11 am
Opening court: 2 pm
Feast: 3 pm
Closing court: 5 pm
Lights on: 10 pm
Site closes: 11 pm

War Practice is at Jeanne Bellamah Park on Sunday, beginning at 10 am until all our foes have been vanquished and there are new stories to tell.

Our delicious feast menu includes three removes featuring lamb, chicken and vegetarian delicacies. The full menu, and list of ingredients is available on our website (see address below). Please contact our Feast Coordinator with any dietary restrictions. Also there will be a dessert competition sponsored by Mistress Monica von Zell for the pleasure of the populace.

Are you interested in merchanting or displaying your Middle Eastern related items or skills at our bazaar? If so, space is available on a first come, first serve basis. Please contact Baroness Emma for further information.

If you have any questions please visit our website: **http://www.unm.edu/~sca/midwinter/** or contact one of the autocrats directly.

Directions to site: *Feast:* From I-25, take the Lomas exit and go East to San Pedro. Turn right (South) on San Pedro to gate 4 of the NM State Fairgrounds. Turn left at the gate and you will take your first left and proceed to the big pink building at the end of the road.
War Practice: From I-40, take the Eubank exit (#165) and go North to Lomas. Turn right (East) on Lomas to Tomasita. Turn left (North) on Tomasita. The park will be on your right and we will be in the South-East corner.

Contact information for Autocrat(s):
Baroness Emma of Essex, 505-730-1967, baroness_e@yahoo.com
THL Tana a le Espirit Forte, 505-265-3142, thltana@aol.com
Ld Ryan Brunloc, 505-265-3142, brunlocr@aol.com

Other contact information:
Feast: THL Morris O'Fiach, 505-474-4292

Reservations address:
SCA - al-Barran – Midwinter
PO Box 27676
Albuquerque, NM 87125

Make checks payable to SCA - al-Barran and please note if you are requesting on-floor seating. Contact Baroness Emma for additional reservation information.

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Weaving Knowledge Exchange & Workshops

On November 15th at 7 pm Lady Monika the Fair will be teaching how to warp a floor loom and some history of weaving in the process. There will be no weaving workshop in December due to the workshop falling on the Friday before Midwinter, so look for the next scheduled weaving workshop to be held in January. If you wish for a certain topic to be handled at a weaving workshop please contact Lady Monika the Fair about setting up the topic you are interested in.

The Weaving Knowledge Exchange & Workshops covers the study & application of all types of weaving & it's history. Third Friday of every month at 7 pm. *Contact: Lady Monika the Fair 323-5569 for more information and directions to her house.*

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Where is he?
Where is my soul's delight?
My North, my West, my South and East?
He's not here amongst you who conceive nothing.
Where has he gone?
He is not here, not here,
Not even the compassing aroma of his presence
Dwells amongst you who receive nothing.
I look here, I look there,
I look up and down,
I cannot see even the shadow of his beard.
Oh believers, speak to me!
Tell me where he has gone who shone
Like a blue flame in my conceiving eye.
Shout out his name and your echoing bones
Shall never crumble in the receiving grave.
You who have kissed his hand are blessed,
Even in death your lips shall remain sweet as melons.
Should I be grateful for the incomparable beauty of his face
Or for the sweet severity of his demeanour?
Even if his lucid soul no longer sketched
In the memory of his body, it does not matter;
My Love revolves like the planets around the storm of his Sun.
Call out for shams, my soul requires him,
Chant his familiar names of friendship,
Lighten the gravity of our grief,
Enliven the ear's lassitude with the energy of his name.

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Words of Paradise, selected poems of Rumi,
new interpretations by Raficq Abdulla

Bian Heh's Jade

In the Spring and Autumn Period, Bian Heh in the Chu State got a rough jade on Mount Chu. He decided to present the valuable jade to the emperor to show his official loyalty to his sovereign, Chuli. Unluckily, the jade was judged as a common stone by the court jadders, which made Emperor Chuli very angry, and had Bian Heh's left foot cut down cruelly.

After the enthronement of the new emperor Chuwu, Bian Heh decided to submit the jade to Chuwu to clarify matters. Emperor Chuwu also had it checked by the jadders in the court. And the conclusion resulted in the same fact that Bian Heh lost the other foot.

After the death of Emperor Chuwu, the prince Chuwen was enthroned, that gave the poor Bian Heh a gleam of light of proving his clear conscience. However, the moment he thought of what he had incurred, he couldn't help crying beside a hill. He could not stop crying for several days and nights; he almost wept his heart out and even blood was dropping from his eyes. And it happened to be heard by the emperor in the court. He ordered his men to

find out why he was so sad. Bian Heh sobbed out "Call a spade a spade. Why was a real jade mistaken as a plain stone again and again? Why was a loyal man thought faithless time and time?" Emperor Chuwen was touched by Bian Heh's deep grief and ordered the jadders to open the jade to have a close look. To their astonishment, in the rough coat, the pure content was sparkling and translucent. Then it was carefully cut and polished fine and at last the jade became a rare treasure of the state of Chu. In memory of the faithful man Bian Heh, the emperor named the jade by Bian Heh. And so the term "Bian's Jade" came into being.

People usually describe something extremely precious in its value with Bian's Jade.

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Gammer Gurton's Needle

In November, Gammer Gurton's Needle will meet at Duchess Elisheva's house which is across from the Jeanne Bellamah park (fighter practice park) at 11400 Rosemount Ave NE. Call her at 237-2157 for more specific directions. She will be leading us in making muffs. This will be a fun and simple project. Our goal (besides keeping ourselves warm!) is to make enough muffs for the King and Queen to give to the other royalty at Estrella. Also this month and the next, we will have "ask the teacher" sessions. Rosamond has agreed to review Period bobbin lace techniques for several members so contact her if you are interested. Ask for help in any needlework area and we will try to pair you with someone experienced in that area.

Gammer Gurton's Needle is an interest group exploring many different threadwork techniques including but not limited to embroidery, lacis, netting, bobbin or needle lace, beading, needlepoint, inkle loom, cardweaving, etc. Please join us. We meet every Monday evening at 7pm. (we don't meet in garb). You can work on the month's emphasis or bring your own project. If you can't make the meetings, we have copies of instructions and patterns and can make arrangements for individual meetings with teachers.

Website: **http://www.themissingpiece.com/ggn/**.

"My fair long straight needle, that was mine only treasure. The first day of my sorrow is. And last of my pleasure" -from the play, The Loss of Gammer Gurton's Needle, 1575.

Court Dancing Article

There are many excellent opportunities to do lots of court dancing in the month of November; at the Masked Ball on Saturday, November 16th, where Lady Isabella will be leading the court dancing. She is also teaching court dancing at fighter practice, Jeanne Bellamah park, on the Sundays leading up to the ball. I will be providing court-dancing opportunities at our Toys for Tots event on Sunday, November 17th at fighter practice park and at court dance practice on Sunday, November 24th, from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm, also held at fighter practice park. Court dance practice is open to all, ages 7 and up.

Yours in service to the dream,
Lady Barbara

Equestrian Practice for both al-Barran

Practice will be held on the third Saturday of each month starting at 11:00 am. The following dates have been set aside for practice. *Please call Lady Dubheasa at 232-2608 for directions to the site and for whether a practice is happening.*

2002
November: 16th.
December: 21st.

2003
January: 18th.
February: 22nd.

Regular Activities

Fighter Practice
Sundays, 11 am to 4 pm, Jeanne Bellamah Park., on Tomasita between Mountain and Constitution, east of Eubank. *Contact: Lord Mordygan 286-0870*

Rapier Practice
Sundays, Jeanne Bellamah Park, on Tomasita between Mountain and Constitution, east of Eubank. *Contact: Coinneach 343-8362*

Archery Practice
1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month. The practice range is at Master Torc's & Lady Sylvia's home. *Contact: Oengus of Greymist by email at archery@al-barran.org*

Citizens Meeting
3rd Tuesday of every month, 6:30 pm at Hayes Middle School Library, 1100 Texas St NE. *Contact: THL Stjerne 861-2907*

Heraldic Submission and Commenting Meeting
The 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, 6:30 pm, at Earl Cathyn and Lady Alia's home, 1223 Fruit St NW, Albuquerque. *Contact: THL Pendar 866-4369 for additional information and for directions call Alia or Cathyn at 244-9525.*

Court Dance Practice
For November Court Dance practices will be held on Sundays leading up to Mask Ball on November 16th, and and at Toys for Tots on November 17th and on Sunday, November 24th, times are 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm, at fighter practice park (Jeanne Bellamah Park) Everyone, ages 7 and up are welcome. *Contact: Lady Barbara 293-7453 for dates of practice.*

Equestrian Practice for both al-Barran
Practice will be held on the first and third Thursday from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm and on the third Saturday starting at 11:00 am. The following dates have been set aside for practice in the coming months. In 2002 November: 16th. December: 21st. In 2003 January: 18th. February: 22nd. *Please call Lady Dubheasa at 232-2608 for directions to the site and for whether a practice is happening.*

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Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice
Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., Fighter Practice is in front of Carlisle Gym at UNM. Gear may be dropped off in the front but parking is at the meters, visitors lots or across Central Ave. Valid UNM permit parkers may use lot West of Carlisle Gym. *Contact: Gauvain Eisenbein 890-1152 or gauvain_eisenbein@yahoo.com.*

Gammer Gurton's Needle
The study and application of embroidery, lace, and other needlework techniques. *Contact: Lady Rosamond 865-9082*

Arts and Sciences Knowledge Exchange and Workshops
Topics to include: felting, lampwork beads, stone carving, soap, leather, conserves, cooking and much more. To meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at 7 pm at 10417 Palo Verde Place NW. *Contact: Lady Scia 344-0094 for more information, when a workshop is happening and directions.*

Weaving Knowledge Exchange & Workshops
The study & application of all types of weaving & it's history. Third Friday of every month at 7 pm. *Contact: Lady Monika the Fair 323-5569 for more information and directions.*

Blaiddwyn Project Conclave
Come and join Blaiddwyn College in the lounge of Dane Smith Hall to show off your latest projects or pick up some new ones. Bring a project to work on or to share. Garb is requested but not required, as is a food contribution. *Contact: Gauvain Eisenbein 890-1152 or gauvain_eisenbein@yahoo.com for dates and times.*

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We princes are set as it were upon stages in the sight and view of the world.
—attributed to Queen Elizabeth

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